

Island Station Neighborhood Development Association (NDA) – Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 Meeting

Attendance:

- **8 Neighbors**
 - Milo Denham, Pam Denham, Meg Elston, Bill Hoelz, Gary Michael, Karin Power, Carolyn Tomei — State Representative, Mary Weick
- **2 Guests**
 - David Hedges — City Councilor
 - Mitch Nieman — Assistant to City Manager

Island Station Officer & City Committee Member List

This list is provided to assist Island Station neighbors to understand who they can contact within our neighborhood regarding certain City matters. You can also visit the City of Milwaukie website for additional committee and board contact information.

ISNDA Officers:

Karin Power, Chair; Cindy Miguel, Vice Chair/Treasurer; and Milo Denham, Secretary

City Committee & Board Members:

- **Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee:** Charles Bird; and Karin Power
- **Land Use Committee:** Lisa Batey; Ellen Chaimov; and Pam Denham
- **Moving Forward Milwaukie:** Alicia Hamilton, Lisa Batey (alternative)
- **Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC):** Meg Elston-Power
- **Milwaukie ArtMob:** Rebecca Banyas

ISNDA Ad-Hoc Committees:

- **ISNDA Emergency Preparedness:** Mary Weick; and Jo Anne Bird
- **Traffic Calming:** Charles Bird; Meg Elston; and Milo Denham
- **Public Restrooms in Parks:** Pam Denham; Bill Hoelz; and Cid Blasé
- **Access to ISNDA Communication:** Pam Denham; Cid Blasé; and Carolyn Tomei

If you don't wish to serve on a committee or board, please inform an Island Station officer so that we can find a replacement for you. Thank you!

No Formal Agenda

Tonight's focus is on a review of projects that the neighborhood would like the association to focus on.

No Police Report tonight

Speeding

Karin has received feedback from the city.

The city has measured the streets in our neighborhood. Three streets are narrow enough that the speed limit is 15 MPH. (The "skinny street speed limit" law was made law with the efforts of our neighbor and State Representative, Carolyn Tomei. Streets that are 15' wide or narrower have a 15 MPH speed limit.)

1. All of 19th Avenue
2. All of 21st Avenue
3. Two blocks of Wren Street

These three streets can be marked with 15 MPH speed limit signs. The rest of the streets in the neighborhood have a 25 MPH speed limit. The city has the ability to make signs, and appears willing to put up speed limit signs. Perhaps the city could put up 15 MPH signs on the streets where the limit is 15 MPH, and then maybe the drivers would slow down, because they assume that the speed limit is 15 MPH in the entire neighborhood.

Milo asked if the entire neighborhood could be designated a 15 MPH zone. It was noted that the 25 MPH speed limit was a state law. But the question does not request that we set a speed limit above the limit set by state law, but set the speed limit at a level below that set by state law. No one was sure if the City could set a lower speed limit, or if ODOT needed to become involved in such a decision.

Mary asked if "sleeping policemen" (speed bumps) could be installed in the neighborhood.

The question was raised whether those speeding in the neighborhood were visitors, or were they residents living in the neighborhood. Megan commented that at a PSEC meeting it was noted that a police study showed that it was both visitors and residents who were speeding within a neighborhood.

Mary noted that she has seen trucks speeding through the neighborhood.

Bill asked if a stop sign could be added to 20th Avenue at the corner where 20th Avenue meets Sparrow. He has seen a large number of vehicles come down 20th and turn onto Sparrow Street without stopping or slowing down.

Karin noted that Ardenwald Neighborhood was recently able to get new stop signs installed at several intersections within their neighborhood.

Mary expressed a concern that children riding bikes and skateboards down Bobwhite Street into 19th Avenue are at risk of being struck by an automobile. Bill mentioned that the same thing is true on Sparrow with children riding bikes and skateboards down towards 19th Avenue.

Gary noted that he almost ran over two bikers when he turned onto 22nd Avenue because they were coming down the hill, going the wrong way.

House at 19th & Sparrow

As noted in a previous meeting, the lot at 19th and Sparrow will have a new house built within the next year. The lady who is building the home has a 5 year old child, and attended the Island Station summer picnic.

The owner is trying to save the Redwood Tree on the south boundary of the property. The building permit requires the owner either 1) put in sidewalks; or 2) pay a "in lieu of" fee — if three criteria are met (City Code 19.706.1) — which puts money into a fund for use within the neighborhood. The City is trying to get people to move away from opting for the "in lieu of" fee. The money from the fee goes into a fund that needs to be used within 10 years.

Sidewalks

Several years ago the City proposed all neighborhoods have sidewalks installed. There were several meetings with the City and Island Station had one of its largest turnouts. The neighbors were overwhelmingly against requiring sidewalks within the Island Station neighborhood.

Alicia Hamilton was the Island Station member on the City committee reviewing sidewalks and repeatedly told the City that Island Station did not want sidewalks. But the City did not listen, and created codes that require all neighborhood streets have sidewalks.

Treasurer's Report

Karin Power reported.

Current Bank

- Account balance: \$12,217.68
- Available balance: \$10,852.68

Allocated Funds

- \$600.00 – Set aside in August for the annual Picnic (see discussion in August's minutes)
- \$500.00 Set aside in August for bags and printing of communication to Island Station Neighbors (see discussion in August's minutes)

Outstanding Checks

- \$250.00 – Milwaukie Grange – *for meeting room rent* [#1 Organizing/Organizational Development]
- \$15.00 – Mary Weick – *for emergency preparedness* [#2 Physical Improvements]

FY2014-15 Checks Cleared

- \$5,000.00 to NCPRD – Paid in June [#2 Physical Improvements]
- \$294.36 – Alicia Hamilton – *for emergency preparedness supplies* [#2 Physical Improvements]

FY2014-15 Income

- \$4,000.00 Annual grant from City – Received in June

Spending Categories

These are the four categories that each expenditure needs to be binned into.

1. Neighborhood Organizing/Organizational Development
2. Neighborhood Physical Improvements
3. Neighborhood Preservation
4. Neighborhood Cultural, Social and Recreational Initiatives

See explanation for the four categories at the end of this month's minutes.

Use of Island Station Funds

There was a discussion regarding possible uses of the funds we have.

- Install a stone table and two stone chairs, with a checkerboard on the table
- Install benches in Spring Park
- Rent large recycle bins for old appliances and yard debris
 - Make it a neighborhood volunteer project to help neighbors clean up their homes and lots

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Mary told the group about her recent walk across McLaughlin Boulevard at Washington Street. She had a lady in a car not pay attention to her driving almost run into her while she was in the cross walk. It was noted that this intersection will become one of the main entries into Milwaukie Bay (Riverfront) Park.

It was noted that the McLaughlin and 22nd Avenue intersection is rather confusing. When you come down the hill on 22nd Avenue it is difficult to tell where you should stop for the stop light. If you stop before Bluebird, then you may not trigger the stop light. And when you turn onto Bluebird off McLaughlin it can be very difficult to figure out where you are supposed to turn in at.

Meg noted that we might want to get the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) involved.

The group also thought it would be good if we could get ODOT to come to a future ISNDA meeting.

Spring Park Automobile Parking

It was noted that the number of visitors to Spring Park is getting to about 200 per day on weekends. The question was raised regarding the potential to create parking spots on 20th Avenue, on the east side of Spring Park.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Carolyn moved to accept last month's minutes as modified, Megan seconded.

Last month's minutes were approved.

The meeting was closed

Use of NDA Funds Categories

1. Neighborhood Organizing / Organizational Development

- Activates, services and materials that generate new neighborhood membership, grow the organization to educate neighborhood leadership toward the organization's development and continued operation

2. Neighborhood Physical Improvements

- Materials and services to be used toward playgrounds, minor park improvements, community gardens and other facilities, neighborhood markers, identity signs, banners, trash cans, benches, etc.

3. Neighborhood Preservation

- Materials and services that sustain or enhance the health, public safety and welfare of the neighborhood such as crime watch, traffic management, or home weatherization programs; or contribute positively to the neighborhood aesthetic quality such as design guideline development, community property maintenance programs or beautification programs.

4. Neighborhood Cultural, Social and Recreational Initiatives

- Materials and services that promote diversity, family literacy programs, neighborhood computer labs, after school enrichment programs, youth athletic leagues, career preparation, services for the needy, disabled or elderly and cultural activities such as music, dance, or art programs.